1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.30	17.57	0.03	13.52	0.33	17.14
29.	Daman & Diu	0.01	1.35	0.05	7.52	0.06	4.44
30.	Delhi	0.07	0.40	11.42	9.42	11.49	8.23
31.	Lakshadweep	0.03	9.38	0.08	20.27	0.11	15.60
32.	Pondicherry	0.64	20.55	1.77	22.11	2.41	21.67
	All India	1932.43	27.09	670.07	23.62	2602.50	26.10

Notes:-

1. Poverty Ratio of Assam is used for Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura.
2. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to estimate poverty ratio of Goa.
3. Poverty Line of Himachal Pradesh and expenditure distribution of Jammu & Kashmir is used to estimate poverty ratio of Jammu & Kashmir.
4. Poverty Ratio of Tamil Nadu is used for Pondicherry and A & N Island.
5. Urban Poverty Ratio of Punjab used for both rural and urban poverty of Chandigarh.
6. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra &Nagar Haveli is used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
7. Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Daman & Diu.
8. Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshadweep.
9. Urban Poverty Ratio of Rajasthan may be treated as tentative.

Estimate of poverty

3075. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a new study by economist Shri Surjit Bhalla according to which actual level of poverty in India is exactly half of the estimates made by Government; and

(b) if so, what are Government's estimates in this regard and how these are comparable with the estimates made by Shri Surjit Bhalla?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on the data from the latest large sample survey of the 55th Round on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), the Planning Commission has estimated 26.10 per cent of the population as living Below Poverty Line in

1999-2000. The differences between the two estimates are due to the significant difference in the methodology of estimation adopted and hence no comparisons can be made.

Action Plan for Orissa

3076. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different action plans implemented for the people of KBK districts in Orissa as on date:

(b) the Central assistance provided and actual amount spent so far; and

(c) in what ways the people of those districts have benefited and developed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) In addition to the normal schemes being implemented by the Government of Orissa as part of their Annual Plans, the Government of India have initiated the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana which, *inter-alia,* includes then Special Plan for the KBK districts of Orissa. The Special Plan for the KBK districts of Orissa for the year 2002-03 comprises of schemes relating to Drought Proofing, Livelihood Support, Support for Disadvantaged Groups, Health and Rural Connectivity for the benefit of the people of the region. A sum of Rs. 100 crore has been allocated under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana for this Special Plan. First Instalment of Special Central Assistance of Rs. 50 crore has already been released to the State Government. Further release of funds would depend on factors such as progress of schemes, submission of progress reports, etc.

Central Assistance to Assam

3077. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to increase the Central assistance for Assam for economic development during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?